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SUBJ: REPORTED ARRIVAL OF 400 KHMER REFUGEES APPEARS
TO BE UNTRUE

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1. UPI AND APPARENTLY OTHER NEWS AGENCIES HAVE
REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF ABOUT 400 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES
IN TA PHRAYA DISTRICT OF PRACHINBURI PROVINCE. UPI
SAID THAT THE 400 WERE MEMBERS OF A WORK BATALLION
IN KAMPUCHEA.

2. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH THE UNHCR AND RTG SOURCES,
AND FIND THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT SUCH A
GROUP HAS ARRIVED IN THAILAND. A UNHCR FIELD MAN,
IN TA PHRAYA ON AUGUST 23 AND 24, WAS NOT ABLE TO
LOCATE ANY S0CC GROUP ALTHOUGH ABOUT 37 NEW REFUGEES
DID ARRIVE AUGUST 22 WHICH HAS BEEN ABOUT THE AVERAGE
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DAY.

3. THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THE SITUATION OF THE
REFUGEES AT TA PHRAYA AUGUST 23 WITH UNHCR REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE LESLIE A. GOODYEAR. THE AMBASSADOR
TOLD GOODYEAR THAT THE RESPONSE TO THEIR PLIGHT SEEMED
SLOW AND URGED THAT THE UNHCR QUICKLY BUILD ADDITIONAL
CAMP HOUSING AS NECESSARY AT ARANYAPRATHET TO ACCOMMODATE

THOSE WHO ARE BEING TRANSFERRED THERE FROM TA PHRAYA
(REFTEL). HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT, GIVEN
THE NATURE AND CONDUCT OF THE INDOCHINESE REGIMES, THE
REFUGEE POPULATION IN THAILAND IS BOUND TO INCREASE,
AND ASKED GOODYEAR ABOUT CONSTRUCTION PLANS IN OTHER
CAMPS TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE ARRIVALS. GOODYEAR SAID THAT
CONSTRUCTION FOLLOWED RATHER THAN ANTICIPATED NEED, AND
ADDED THAT HIS CURRENT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET WAS ALREADY
OVER SUBSCRIBED BY MORE THAN DOLLARD 300,000.
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